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Ms Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 236 Massachusetts Avenue NE Suite 110 Washington DC 2002

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This filling is regarding paragraph #4 of WP Docket No 07-100 / Paging on Public Safety VHF Frequencies.

Current rules allow for one way paging on frequencies (150-160 MHz) and should be allowed to continue. The majority of Fire Departments and Fire Department Medical Ambulances that operate on those frequencies receive calls via radio with the use of one way two tone sequential paging tones. These tones activate fire station alerting, portable radios and personnel pagers carried by fire fighters both on and off duty. One way paging is also used for the Mutual Aid Box Alarm system in Illinois which operates on 154.2650 MHz. This alert is a one way page that notifies other fire departments of a mutual aid request during a significant incident. One way paging is also utilized with DTMF paging tones in my area to activate severe weather storm sirens to warn the public of impending severe weather, i.e. Tornado Warnings.

This comment should serve as notice to my objection to prohibit one way paging via the 150-160 MHz band.

I represent (5) five municipal and rural fire departments in Northern Kane County Illinois. By prohibiting the ability to utilize one way paging would seriously impact the way fire departments conduct day to day emergency dispatching and seriously impact public safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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